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Info for Math Team Parents 2025-2026

I hope your kids are enjoying being on the math team. Coach Rob and I are enjoying working with them. Coach Rob and Ben are both volunteers and not school employees. We volunteer to coach the team because we enjoy helping kids get excited about math. We do our best to create an encouraging environment where the kids can improve their competitive math skills.

Allergies and Dietary Restrictions:

We have pizza at practice, and we regularly offer candy and snacks as a reward. If your kid has any allergies or dietary restrictions, please let us know.

Pizza!

Over the past several years, we've learned that if students have to go through the lunch line, there just isn't enough time to get things done, especially on competition days. We've also learned that the kids are more excited about math when there's pizza. To make things easier on parents and the coaches, we've changed the procedure this year. Go to the Sign-up Genius link below to sponsor pizza for a week. If multiple families want to split a week, that's fine as well. When you sign up, Venmo @BenBoehm \$160. That's how much we expect the pizza to cost each week. If that ends up being too high or too low, we will make adjustments. Coach Ben will order the pizza. Sponsoring pizza is completely optional, but it is very helpful.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BADA628A5FF2-57693834-ojhmath>

Registration fees:

The school pays registration fees for the Math Olympiad and AMC 8. The 14 students who qualify for MathCounts will need to pay their own \$40 entry fee. If that creates a hardship for any families, we'll solve that problem.

Shirts:

It is expected that every student on the team will buy a shirt. We are a team, and the shirts are our uniform. Also, the shirts are always awesome. Parents are also welcome to buy shirts. The students will come up with a concept for the shirts. This year we will offer jerseys (~\$15).

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Students can get their name or nickname on the back of the shirt for \$6. When things are finalized, Coach Ben will send out a google form to complete your size and shirt preference.

Competitions (see other attachment for more details):

- Math Olympiad (MOEMS)

-- MOEMS is a series of 5 monthly contests, starting in November. Coach Rob and I will administer these contests during our meetings at lunch. (12 Nov, 10 Dec, 7 Jan, 11 Feb, 18 Mar)

- AMC 8

-- Due to where it falls in the schedule, we will administer the AMC 8 after school one day between January 22 and 28. (There isn't time to do it at a regular lunch practice.)

-- If a student doesn't want to take the AMC 8 or isn't able to, that's no problem.

- University of Cincinnati Math Bowl

-- This competition is on a Saturday in early March at the University of Cincinnati. We are able to bring every student who wants to attend.

- MathCounts

-- We will have the school MathCounts competition during our meetings on January 14 and 21.

-- The Chapter MathCounts competition will be at Wright State on Saturday, February 7.

-- We can only take 14 students to the Chapter MathCounts competition. See the other attachment for details on how those students will be selected.

-- Depending on how the students place at the Chapter MathCounts, they may qualify for State MathCounts. The State MathCounts contest is in a Saturday in March (TBD) in Columbus.

It is helpful for students to have a dedicated folder for math team to keep their materials organized.

Bonus work:

Most week students will be provided with bonus work that can be returned at the beginning of practice the following week. They will usually receive the solutions the same time they receive the problems. They can use the solutions if they get stuck and to check their work. Students

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will receive a reward (usually candy) when they complete bonus work. Bonus work will also be used to determine which students get to go to MathCounts.

Communication:

Coach Ben generally includes parents in emails sent to the team members. All of those emails will show up as blog posts on: <https://ojhmathteam.org/> If you miss an email or need to find an old attachment you can find it on the website.